


# Competitive Event Topics 2013-14



2013-14 National Theme: <b>"HOSA: The Future Starts Now!"</b>	
Public Health	2013-14 topic is:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Open Pandora's Box: Start the Conversation about Community Mental Health</b></li> </ul> <p>Today, the phrase "to open Pandora's box" means to perform an action that may seem small or innocuous, but that turns out to have significant and far-reaching consequences.</p> <p>The event will focus on educating the public about mental health in an effort to remove the stigma that currently prevents some people from utilizing available resources. Mental wellness is a public health issue, and HOSA members can start a conversation about mental health issues, and how mental illness can be recognized and treated.</p>
Prepared Speaking and Speaking Skills	The 2013-14 speech topic is:  <b>"The Future Starts Now"</b>
Extemporaneous Writing	This can be any topic related to Health Science Education or HOSA, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HOSA: A Contributing Member of the Healthcare Community               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How does HOSA contribute to the healthcare community?</li> <li>What types of services does HOSA provide?</li> <li>What are the benefits to the healthcare community?</li> <li>What are the benefits to HOSA members?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Extemporaneous Health Poster	Topics will be related to HOSA or Health Science curriculum competencies. Support documentation (articles, pamphlets, etc.) may be provided. For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eating Right</li> <li>Tips for Skin Cancer Prevention</li> <li>The Benefits of HOSA Membership</li> </ul>
Researched Persuasive Speaking	The 2013-14 topics are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Vitamin Supplements: Hype or Help?</b></li> <li><b>Obesity: Disease or Choice?</b></li> </ul>
Creative Problem Solving	The secret topic requires the team to solve a problem. The problem may be related to health care or HOSA. Generally, the problem is complex, involving many factors with no clear right or wrong answer. Supportive material is provided.
Biomedical Debate	2013-14 topic is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>The U.S. Government is failing war injured service members</b></li> </ul> <p>The multiple choice questions on the Round One test will assess knowledge of the topic.</p>

<b>Parliamentary Procedure</b>	The event guidelines contain a sample problem that includes one or two main motions, with four or five other types of motions to be applied to the main motion in the course of the meeting.
<b>Forensic Medicine</b>	The event guidelines contain a sample problem. Typically, the problem includes a crime scene or description of the events leading to the death of a victim(s), and additional documentation which generally includes an autopsy.
<b>Public Service Announcement</b>	2013-14 topic is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Child Hunger Ends Here: Educating Your Community on How to Prevent Child Hunger</b></li> </ul>
<b>Medical Reading</b>	Ten multiple choice will come from each of the following five books. The test will also contain one tiebreaker essay. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <i>Fragile Beginnings: Discoveries and Triumphs in the Newborn ICU</i> by Adam Wolfberg, MD</li> <li>✓ <i>The Pact: Three Young Men Make a Promise and Fulfill a Dream</i> by Sampson Davis, George Jenkins, Rameck Hunt, and Lisa Frazier Page</li> <li>✓ <i>Making Rounds with Oscar: The Extraordinary Gift of an Ordinary Cat</i> by David Dosa</li> <li>✓ <i>What Ails the White House: An Introduction to the Medical History of the American Presidency</i> by Jay W. Murphy, MD</li> <li>✓ <i>Lessons From the Mouse: A Guide For Applying Disney World's Secrets of Success to Your Organization, Your Career, and Your Life</i> by Dennis Snow</li> </ul>
<b>Skill Events</b>	Each skill event with procedures is written up as a scenario that requires the competitor to demonstrate 1-3 skills (procedures) as listed in the event guidelines as part of a potential "situation" in which a health care worker might actually perform the skill(s). The competitor performs the procedures of the event and is evaluated by a judge or judges.
<b>National Service Project</b>	<b>Cystic Fibrosis Foundation</b> <a href="http://www.cff.org">www.cff.org</a> 

For more information on these and other HOSA Competitive Events, read Section B of HOSA Handbook - Competitive Events Guidelines, or ask your HOSA Advisor.